

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 have been canceled, claims 20, 22-24 and 26-29 have been amended. No claims have been added by way of this response. Claims 9-19 and 21 have been canceled by way of this response. Thus, claims 20 and 22-29 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Request for Allowance of Claims 20 and 22-29:

In the Office Action the Examiner has objected to claims 20 and 22-29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated that claims 20 and 22-29 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten the objected claims in such a manner.

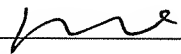
In view of the amendments to claims 20, 22-24, and 26-29 Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20, 22-24, and 26-29 are in condition for allowance as well as claim 25 which depends thereon.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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